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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 23, 2004, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 7-10 are all the claims pending in the application. The Examiner maintains the same rejections of the claims as set forth in the previous Office Action dated December 30, 2003. That is, claims 1 and 7-10 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-13 of USP '582 in view of Iwata (U.S. Patent No.: 5,800,728), Mukai et al. (U.S. Patent No.: